

SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SELECTS FINALIST FOR THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT

For Immediate Release

REDWOOD CITY, March 30, 2017: The Governing Board of the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) announced that it has named Dr. Mary E. Streshly, the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services at Campbell Union High School District (CUHSD), as the top finalist for the position of SUHSD Superintendent, subject to the Board's consideration of and action to approve an employment agreement with Dr. Streshly. If an employment agreement with Dr. Streshly is approved by the Board of Trustees on April 5th, she will become the new Superintendent of the Sequoia Union High School District beginning on July 1, 2017. Dr. Streshly will take over the role from Dr. James Lianides, who will retire at the end of this school year.



SUHSD conducted comprehensive and highly competitive national search process for the Superintendent position that included input through focus groups and surveys of students, parents, staff, elementary school partner districts, and other members of the community. Candidates were also screened with the assistance of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates and interviewed by the entire Governing Board of the District. Dr. Streshly was chosen as a finalist from a group that included 40 applicants from around the country. The Board selected Dr. Streshly as the top finalist for the Superintendent position because she is a leader with the skill and vision to continue to move SUHSD forward in a positive direction.

“We knew we were looking for someone who is a strong educational leader, embraces a student-centered approach to education, has the ability to successfully manage change in a complex organization, and is an excellent communicator and community builder,” said Carrie Du Bois, President of the SUHSD School Board. “Dr. Streshly’s experience, approach, and vision demonstrated that she is someone who possesses all of these traits and is the right person to lead this District through the many opportunities and challenges in the years ahead.”

Dr. Streshly has over 25 years of experience in public education, including as a teacher, department chair, assistant principal, English Learner Program Coordinator, coach, and administrator. In her current role as Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services at CUHSD, a position she has held since 2012, Dr. Streshly oversees the departments of Curriculum & Instruction, Special Education, Student Services, and Technology (CUHSD serves over 7,700 students in the communities of San Jose, Campbell, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Santa Clara and Monte Sereno). Prior to her role at CUHSD, Dr. Streshly was the Principal of Half Moon Bay High School for four years, and earlier held teaching and other staff positions at San Marcos High School, Woodland Park Middle School, Sequoia High School, and Lowell High School. She has received multiple professional and academic awards and continuing education certifications. Dr. Streshly earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley; a Masters of Arts from San Diego State University, and Doctorate from San Francisco State University.

“I am honored and nothing less than thrilled with being selected as a finalist and with the opportunity to serve such an outstanding district,” remarked Dr. Mary Streshly. “I look forward to the opportunity to lead such an incredible staff and being a very visible and active part of this community. I believe deeply

that the Sequoia Union High School District is uniquely positioned to be the testimonial for the rest of the nation on how to provide a world-class education in a diverse community so that every youth graduates college and is career ready to contribute to American democracy and to a global society.”

Dr. Streshly has earned a reputation for being an accomplished leader and excellent communicator with a strong background in academic administration, systemic reform, curriculum development, and financial accountability. In her role at CUHSD, she has successfully built and sustained strong partnerships with community organizations, parents, teachers, and board members to continually elevate staff expertise for an improved educational experience for all students. In her five years at CUHSD, all sites improved graduation rates, dropout rates, UC/CSU A-G rates, and AP/IB participation and pass rates.

“I am confident that if Dr. Streshly is selected by the Board that I will be leaving the District in excellent hands,” said Dr. Jim Lianides. “Dr. Streshly’s extensive high school experience, approach to uniting communities, focus on continual improvement, and track record of results make her an excellent choice as the next leader of this District.”

Pending the Board’s consideration of and action on such an agreement with Dr. Streshly during the April 5th school board meeting, Dr. Streshly is planning a series of visits to all SUHSD schools with various forums to meet staff, students, families, and other community members. More information will be sent to the community when a schedule is determined.

About Sequoia Union High School District

The Sequoia Union High School District is the public high school district for the southern portion of San Mateo County (not including the coast side), serving the communities of Atherton, Belmont, East Palo Alto, Ladera, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, and Woodside. SUHSD annually serves approximately 9,000 9th to 12th grade students through its four distinguished comprehensive high schools (Carlmont, Menlo-Atherton, Sequoia, and Woodside), dependent charter school (East Palo Alto Academy), continuation high school (Redwood), Middle College (in collaboration with Cañada College) and other specialized programs and services. The District recently announced the launch of TIDE Academy, a 400-student school focused on design and engineering scheduled to open in fall of 2019. The District is also the sponsoring agency for two independent charter high schools (Summit and Everest). The District also offers an Adult School based in Redwood City that serves 2,000 students annually. The District’s website is <http://www.seq.org>.

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